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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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ARRANGEMENT FOR FASTENING FILTER CLOTH TO SOLID-LIQUID

SEPARATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants request entry of this preliminary amendment prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following new claims 14-18:

- 14. The filter unit of claim 7, wherein at least the surface on the side of the sector element of the support portion of the fastening strip is curved.
- 15. The filter unit of claim 7, wherein the support portion of the fastening strip narrows towards the transverse edges of the fastening strip.
- 16. The filter unit of claim 7, wherein the support portion of the fastening strip comprises a flat portion on the surface opposite to the sector element.
- 17. The filter unit of claim 7, wherein the fastening portion of the fastening strip comprises two flexible projecting portions, between which is a gap that allows said